PERSUASION MAP

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Life as We Know It

Introduction

Miranda fails to see the importance of family loyalty despite the uprising caused by the meteor strike.

Main Reason 1

Miranda has a crush on Dan. She should worry about what is important: family and survival.

Facts or Examples

1. He asks her to prom...if there is one...when they're out at the lake.
2. "Lately, I've been trying not to know what's going on" (p. 70).
3. Miranda offered Dan a ride home when gas is above $12/gallon. This caused mother & daughter to fight

Main Reason 2

She still thinks about skating lessons and goes to the lake regularly even since the disaster struck.

Facts or Examples

1. She still regularly goes to the pond without her mom knowing (p.82-83)
2.
3.

Main Reason 3

Miranda sees Megan slowly going down a bad path and doesn't try to stop her.

Facts or Examples

1. Megan has been giving away her peanut butter and jelly sandwiches during lunch. She's getting thin.
2. Shes's heavily involved at church- too involved. Her church seems like a cult.
3. Megan has been saying unusual things like, "God sustains me" referring to her food intake. (p. 67)

Conclusion

Miranda, being an adolescent, lacks the maturity to see this situation for what it really is. She is old enough to see that it's deadly, but young enough to still expect everything to come back to normal.

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